ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: VISION SPECIALIST

POSITION LOCATION: Statewide

POSITION REPORTS TO: Supervisor

POSITION SUPERVISES: Classroom Aides

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in Education of the Visually Impaired. Certified or certifiable by the State of Arizona as a Vision Teacher. Certified or certifiable by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired as a teacher and as an orientation and mobility specialist. Knowledge of K-12 curriculum. Knowledge of assessment and programming needs for multiply disabled visually impaired students. Effective communication skills. Independent and reliable means of transportation.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree and two years successful experience teaching blind or visually impaired students in center-based and public school settings. Experience with students with low vision and with multiple disabilities. Experience at various grade levels. Fluency in Spanish.

GENERAL DUTIES: Design and provide specialized instruction, including instruction in orientation and mobility, to visually impaired children. Provide or coordinate support services including tutorial instruction. Secure special materials and equipment. Provide specialized assistance to regular education staff and students, perform assessments in the areas of language and communication, functional vision, academics, and orientation and mobility. Knowledge of state and federal legislative and regulatory requirements for special education. Provide technical assistance to classroom teachers, on-site staff, parents and students in understanding the impact of vision loss and in developing strategies to assure that the visually impaired student has equal access to school curriculum and school activities. Complete student progress-report, IEP objectives, documentation, and assist with three-year reevaluations as scheduled.